

The Caledonian Mercury.

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From the Weekly Medley, Oct. 18.

Sir,

London, Oct. 16, 1729.

Mr. Woolston has just published the *First Part* of an *Answer* to the Bishop of St. David's and his other Adversaries; it contains 71 Pages: And this brief *Account*, as he calls, it is but introductory to larger Defences of his Discourses on the Miracles of Jesus. At this Rate of Proceeding, it is hard to say what it will cost a Man e'er he get through this Controversy. The Bishop has scarce got half way; the charge is 6 or 7 Shillings, setting aside all his other many *Answerers*. Woolston has finished his Discourses at 6 or 7 sh. more; but where his *Defences* will end, who can tell? He has hardly flourished his Quarter Staff, and this Flourish too, seems only a Prelude to a Bout at Blindman's-buff.

You desire to know how far he's advanc'd in the Controversy, and how he has managed it. To satisfy, follows a just and full *Abstract*, so far as it has any Relation to the Controversy.

Dedication to the Queen. [.] ' Madam, You are no Judge of the Controversy between me and the Bishop; and take my word for it, he is a lying, fulsome Flatterer of You, and has wrong'd me.'

Answer to the Bishop of St. David's. [.] ' Your *Dedication* is a poor, simple, insipid Thing, full of Lies, Prevarications, and wicked Insinuations. Your *Book* is such a Piece of Railing, Fury, and Imprudence; such a Heap of outragious Stuff; such a Complication of Confidence, Errors, Calumnies, and Reproaches, as is not to be equalled: And You are a weak, ignorant, malicious, wicked, brazen-fac'd, and crack-brain'd Black-Guard; and I shall have a great deal of Diversion with you when I come to defend my *Discourses*.'

Answer to the Bishop of London. [.] ' You were in Honour bound to accept my Challenge; but I find you are resolved to carry the Matter with a high Hand: But let me tell you, you ought to be piss'd upon for a vain Pretender to Argument and Authority.'

To his other Answerers. [.] ' You are a Parcel of in-

significant T'ifiers and Whistlers in Divinity, and I despise all your Squibs and Squirts from the Press.'

This, Sir, is the Sum and Substance of his *First Part*. You'll scarce think I'm in earnest; but I assure you there is not one Word more than this to the Point. His Head was full of what breaks out in all his Performances of this Kind, that it must have burst without a plentiful Discharge; so that he had not Room in this *First Part*, as he says, to defend himself on any one *Miracle*.

But you say he is smart on his Adversaries, and that his Wit is entertaining. To satisfy you; I herewith send you a Nosegay of his finest Flowers. Page 55. ' I laid a Trap for our Clergy, but little thought two such great Bishops would, to my Pleasure and Satisfaction, be caught in it. I have indeed *ridiculously* treated the *Letter* of the *Scripture*, which the Bishops falsely call Blasphemy; but then I had Reason for it: Some Stories are the proper Subject of Ridicule; besides, Ridicule will cut the Pate of an Ecclesiastic Numb-skull, which calm and sedate Reasoning will have no Impression on. I am resolved to let the *Letter* of *Scripture* have no Rest, so long as I am able by Reason and Authority to disturb it. If our Ministers will not with me ascend the sublime and allegorical Mountain of Divine Contemplation, they shall have no Comfort or Enjoyment in the low Valley of the *Letter*, if I can disquiet them.'

Here you have a fair Account of what he aims at by way of Argument, and of the Manner he treats it. If you can think such Performances worth a sh. a Piece, you may expect many a Demand of this Nature. The Man, it seems, is past his Labour, or does not care to work, and is ashamed to beg: So finding himself unqualified to get his Living in an honest way, has hit upon this Expedient to get a Peny. And the Notice that has been taken of him, (tho' he has the Ingratitude to complain) has been a comfortable Provision not only for Food, but for Physick also; as the Irritations of his Antagonists



have not a little promoted Expectorations, and the other Means of easing Nature.

I do not hereby design to rob him of his Livelihood; I'd rather club towards a Collection to put him in a more creditable way: But as there are many, who out of Curiosity or Weakness will buy his Book, I thought it my Duty to give a right Notion of the Man and his Abilities, that People may lay out their Money to better Purposes, than to supply a Man in such a way, as is both scandalous to himself, and prejudicial to his Neighbours.

I am the more concerned to open Peoples Eyes, because I would also discourage other poor Scholars from taking such vile Courses. I therefore hereby give notice, That (setting aside every Thing that is foreign to the Point) I shall give, if the poor Man proceeds in his Design, my Countrymen ample Satisfaction in your Paper, about every Thing that has the least Shadow of Argument in favour of his Pretences, without putting them to any Charge.

The Antidote, as you lately observed, is a short and full Answer to his Discourses. That shall be my Ground-work: If he shall hit upon any Thing in the Defences he threatens us with, that has the least Plausibility against the Evidence of the Confutation of his Errors; the Matter shall be set to rights in your Paper with the utmost Impartiality.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Octob. 21.
Since our last arrived the Mails from France, Flanders
and Holland,*

THE Directors of the S. S. Company being now become unanimous for carrying on their Trade, and their boying up such vast Quantities of all sorts of our Manufactures, to send to Cartagena, Portobello, &c. must have received such Powers and Encouragements from the Court of Spain, as will justify their present Proceedings: Mean time, we see a Letter published in the *Daily Courant* of this Day, which says, ' That if the Directors have received any such Powers, they ought to make them publick, to remove all Doubts and Fears; for that if they have not the King of Spain's special Licence for what they are now doing, they may plunge the Proprietors into such another Loss, as they formerly sustained from the Ship *Royal George*, and the Cargo bought for her, which the Company built for Cartagena and Portobello, and after an intire Cargo, of L. 300,000 Value, was provided, and the greatest Part loaded, and

the Ship mann'd, victualled and equipp'd, the Chevalier Bon, his Catholick Majesty's Director here for the Affair of the Assiento, delivered to the Court of Directors a Letter from Don Joseph Rodrigo, the Spanish Secretary of State, to suspend the Departure of the said Ship for that current Year: And accordingly the Goods were re-landed, and the Ship laid up, to the very great Damage of the Proprietors.' And concludes with these Reflexions, ' That it seems to be too tender a Point, to say any thing about the Method by which the Money, for the present intended Car- go, is to be raised, or the growing Interest to be paid; though it is to be feared, that here is the mortifying Wound, the gangrene Sore that threatens the Corruption of the whole Mass.'

But no humane Wisdom can guard against unforeseen Accidents; and that as those who have the Management of the Company's Affairs, are known to be Gentlemen of Worth and Integrity, we can not but conclude, that what they are now doing, is upon very good Grounds. They have, besides what was mentioned in our last, given Orders for a new Ship to be set on the Stocks in Greenland-yard at Deptford, of 800 Tons, designed for their annual Ship; and that no less than 100 Carpenters will be employed in building her; and have added 10 Packers, to make up the Number 30 to be employed in their Service: And have also chosen 17 Dyers, 15 Cloth drawers, and as many Callenders, and continue busy in buying up Goods, some of which are considerably risen in their Price.

A Petition to the King and Council, is now subscribing by the Merchants trading to Venice, and other Parts of the Levant, humbly to beseech his Majesty, That as the said Places have been intirely free this Year and a half, from all pestilential Diseases, he will be pleased to take off the Obligation of performing Quarantine, so disadvantageous and burthensome to the Petitioners.

The Earl of Nottingham has presented his Chaplain, Dr. Edwards, to the Living of Ockam in Rutland-shire, vacant by the Death of Mr. Warburton. The Dowager Lady Willoughby of Brook, died last Saturday at the Bath. Last Sunday the Rev. Dr. Harris was consecrated Bishop of Landaff, at Lambeth-chappel. He is succeeded in the Place of Clerk of the Closet to the Queen, by the Rev. Dr. Maddox, and in the Deanery of Burien, by Dr. Sykes.

From

From St. James's Evening-Post, Octob. 21.

Madrid, Oct. 8. Amongst the other Proposals which Colonel Stanhope is ordered to make to this Court on the part of the K. of Great Britain, he has Instructions peremptorily to insist on the Execution of the following Articles:

I. That his Catholick Majesty shall solemnly engage not to acknowledge for King of G. Britain any other but those who have a Right to succeed to that Crown, by virtue of the Treaties and Laws now in Force.

II. That his Catholick Majesty shall entirely abandon the Interests of the Pretender.

III. That his said Majesty shall cause all the Adherents of the Pretender to depart out of his Kingdom, and forbid them ever more to return thither.

Vienna, Oct. 15. Some pretend that the Emperor has sent Orders to Count Kinski, his Minister at the Court of France, to declare to the Ministers of the Allies of Hanover, That his Imperial Majesty consents to the Introduction of the Infant Don Carlos into the Duchies of Tuscany and Parma, on the following Conditions:

I. The Emperor demands that the Allies of Hanover shall warrant to him the Disposition he may make in regard to his Hereditary Dominions, in the same manner as his Imperial Majesty has warranted to them the Succession to the Crown of G. Britain in favour of the House of Hanover.

II. That the Subsidy of 500,000 Crowns, promised to the Republick of Holland by the Barrier Treaty, be diminished in such a Manner, as that the States of the Austrian Netherlands may pay it without any Inconvenience to themselves.

III. That an exact Account be given of all the Revenues of Brabant, in order to settle the Payment of that Subsidy, in Proportion to what will remain of these Revenues, after deducting what is necessary of the Civil and Military Establishment; and his Imperial Majesty will not think it proper to burden his Hereditary Countries with Payment of that Subsidy.

IV. In case of Compliance with what his Imperial Majesty desires, he promises to consent to the Introduction of th' Infant D. Carlos conformably to the Quadruple Alliance; that's to say, That Prince shall not go into Italy with Spanish Troops.

V. His Imp. Majesty moreover promises entirely to abolish the Ostend Company, and will desist from the Million of Crowns offered by way of Indemnification for that Abolition; but with Condi-

tion that he be permitted to send two Vessels to the Indies, to bring from thence the Officers and Effects of the Company.

Dublin, Oct. 14. We hear from Portglenone in the County of Antrim, That the 8th Inst the High Sheriff went with the *Posse Comitatus* and 2 Troops of Colonel Bowles's Dragoons (ordered by the Government to attend the Sheriff) to give Possession of two Thirds of the Mansion-house of Portglenone aforesaid to Francis Lord Bishop of Down and Connor; That a great Number of Highlanders well armed kept the Garrison, and upon the first Attack the High Sheriff was shot in the Right Arm with a single Bullet, the Sub Sheriff with two or three others of the *Posse* were killed on the Spot, and severals desperately wounded. The Commanding Officer has raised a Trench to defend the Troops, and sent for a Party of the Regiment to guard the House, till the Government sends some Field Pieces from Carickfergus Castle, without which it will be almost impossible to take the Place: For the opposite Party have all sworn to lose their Lives before they surrender.

Portsmouth, Oct. 10. The Fleet is dispersing; 170 Sail remain here. We do not hear how the small Ships will be disposed of; but the following are said to be bound for Lisbon, viz. the *Dreadnought*, 60 Guns, 365 Men; the *Guernsey*, *Lesnard*, *Argyle* and *Advice*, all of 50 Guns and 250 Men, and the *Loe* and *Kinsale*, of 40 Guns and 190 Men.

London, Oct. 21. The Parliament, which stands prorogu'd to the 20 Nov. next, we are assured will be further prorogued by Proclamation to the 12th of January following, when they will meet on divers weighty and important Affairs.

From the Evening Post, Oct. 21.

Paris, Oct. 17. The political Discourses turn at present on nothing but Col. Stanhope's Embassy to the Court of Madrid: Those who presege Good from that Journey, ground their Belief chiefly upon the Repartition of the Effects of the Galleons, &c. which, say they, would not been consented to, if she had not thought herself sure of a Peace: They who are of a different Sentiment, and who find Difficulties in signing the Provisional Treaty, alledge as a Proof of what they advance, the sudden Departure of Col. Stanhope.

From the Daily Post-Boy, Octob. 21.

Hague, Oct. 25. Baron Crassau, the Swedish Minister

hister at Vienna, is ordered to leave that Court abruptly, and return to Stockholm. The Hessian Troops are considerably augmented. There is nothing yet done at the Congress of Brunswick.

This Day (being the 16th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 2 o'Clock, 20 Min. Tomorrow, at 3, 8 Min. On Wednesday, at 3, 36 Min.

Haddington, Oct 24, 1729.

Beef Wheat,	10 10 00.	2d, 90 15 00.	3d, 08 16 00
Beef Bear,	07 00 00.	2d, 06 10 00.	3d, 06 00 00
Beef Oats,	07 08 00.	2d, 06 08 00.	3d, 06 00 00
Beef Pease,	05 00 00.	2d, 04 14 00.	3d, 04 10 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶ There is lately come Home, a Parcel of Spanish Nuts and good fresh Limons, and all Sorts of Fruits, to be Sold at ARCHBALD SHEELS his Shop at the Hand and Orange, at the Head of Con's Close, South-side of the Street. Where may be had Suggars of all Sorts, fine Zetty, Spaw Water, all Sorts of China and Earthen Ware, with other Shop Goods, as good and reasonable as any where else.

¶¶ That the Lands of DALRAY (alias BRANDS FIELD) are to be exposed to Sale by way of public Roup, by the LORDS of SESSION, in the Parliament-house of Edinburgh, upon the Sixth Day of November next, beginning at 2 in the Afternoon; and are to be set up to Sale conform to the proven Rental and Price set thereupon by the said Lords, viz. The Lands in Tenantry, 251 Bolls of Bear, at £. 100 the Chalder, and £. 377 09 04 Scots of Money; in all, £. 1945 04 04 Scots yearly. Item, The Lands feued to several Vassals, paying of Feu-duty yearly £. 691 10 00 Scots, are likewise to be set up, at 24 Years Purchase, without any Value upon the Casualties of Superiority; From this Rental is to be deduced, one fiftieth part for the Teind, of which there's a long Tack from the Crown for £. 16 Scots of Tack-duty yearly; and which fiftieth part of the Rent for the said Teind, tho' the Tack thereof is as an equivalent to an heritable Right, are only valued, and to be set up at 18 Years Purchase. The Lands hold Blanche of the Crown, for Payment of a Pair of gilt Spurs valued at £. 8 Scots. Most of the Lands in Tenantry do only pay 2 Bolls and one Half per Acre, except 73 Acres which pay Three Bolls: And 'tis thought that the Whole may pay Three Bolls per Acre, as all the Lands round them do at the same Distance from Edinburgh. These Lands all ly in the Parish of St. Cuthbert's, or West Kirk, close upon the Suburb called The West Port of Edinburgh, betwixt the two Great High Ways to the City, from the Colt-bridge and Sauchtonhall; which makes the Lands in Tenantry very convenient for Feus, and may surely be feued at fifty Merks per Acre, as the rest of the Lands there are at.

ready feu'd out. There's also £. 5. 6. 8 ster. yearly payable to the Proprietor by the Town of Edinburgh, out of the Imposition of Two Penies upon the Pint of Ale during their Gilt, which is valued by the Lords of Session, and to be set up at five Yeats Purchase only; but it being to last near 30 Years, upon the common Computation of Annuities it is worth 14 or 15 Years Purchase: Extending the Value of the Lands, Feu-duties, Teinds, and Duty furth of the Two Penies upon the Pint of Ale, to £. 59979 19 00 Scots, at which Price they are to be set up.

There's likewise at the same time to be exposed to Sale, the 3d and 4th STOREYS of a great Stone Tenement in the Castlehill of Edinburgh, on the South-side of the Street; the 3d Storey differented and possess'd by the Relict of Sir Alexander Brand; Consisting of Six Fire-rooms, beside Cellars, &c at 9 Years Purchase, of £. 156 Scots of yearly Rent: And the 4th, or Top Storey, at 7 Years Purchase, of £. 120 of yearly Rent. The particular proven Rental, and Proceeds of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of MATTHEW BROWN, Depute-clerk of Session.

The Advertisement & Account of the Lands of DALRY, alias BRANDSFIELD, is published by Creditors, and not by the Apparent Heir, Carrier on of the Sale. Wherefore he the Apparent Heir hopes he will not be called upon to make good any Assertion in the above Particulars.

ALEX. BRAND.

¶¶ That the Lands and Barony of GROUGAR, lying within the Parish of Kilmarnock and Sheriffdom of Ayr holding Blanche of the Crown, and paying of yearly Rent 264 Bolls 2 Firlots Meal, 4 Bolls Bear, and 2090 l. 6 s. 08 d. Scots, of Money, besides Kain and Services, and a large Muir not rental'd: Are to be exposed to Sale, by a voluntary ROUP, in the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, on the last Tuesday of October inst, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. ROBERT HEPBURN Writer to the Signet, in Edinburgh, of ROBERT PATERSON, Town clerk of Kilmarnock; and in the Hands of the Town-clerk of Glasgow.

By Order of the Trustees of the Creditors of Wm. Douglas of Glenbervy and R. Douglas of Scotsraig;

The Roup and Sale of the Lands and Estate of SCOTS-CRAIG, FOODY and FINGASK, is prorogate to Tuesday the Eleventh of November next, within the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of William Forbes Writer to the Signet.

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